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House Resolution 583

By: Representative Casas of the 103<sup>rd</sup>

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Rev. Paul David Curtis; and for other purposes
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens when Rev. Paul
- 3 David Curtis of Stone Mountain answered his summons for eternal rest on February 24,
- 4 2007, at the age of 71; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Rev. Curtis, a native of Texas, grew up in Alaska and returned to Texas, where
- 6 he spent his teenage years on a ranch and was an All State player in football; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he attended the University of Houston on a Basketball Scholarship then
- 8 transferred to Southwestern Assemblies of God University and received his BA in ministry;
- 9 and
- WHEREAS, he married the love of his life, Thelmarie, in 1960, and they traveled extensively
- 11 throughout the world as a missionary team; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a journalist and photographer who worked for several newspapers and
- taught high school and college journalism, and he was a director of Teen Challenge in Los
- 14 Angeles and Chicago and director of the CBN-700 Club in Atlanta; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his devotion to his community was surpassed only by his immense love for his
- 16 family, and he is survived by his wife of 46 years, Thelmarie Curtis; daughter and
- 17 son-in-law, Shahna and Darren Duerksen; sons and daughter-in-law, Gregory Curtis and Paul
- 18 David Jr. and Thomsa Curtis; grandchildren, Ciera, Rebecca, Mariah, Isabella, Elizabeth,
- 19 Michael, and Ethan; and a host of other loving relatives, friends, and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death it is
- 21 fitting and proper that we offer our sympathies to his family and friends.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 2 the members of this body join in honoring the life of this dedicated spiritual leader, Rev. Paul
- 3 David Curtis, express their deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most sincere
- 4 condolences to his family.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Rev. Paul
- 7 David Curtis.